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25X1X6 1. The Nationalist Government is still undecided whether to defend or abandon Shanghai. [REDACTED] Comment. Possibly the city will be abandoned without a fight. Retreating soldiers may cause confusion and rioting and make a satisfactory defense impossible. At the same time the Communists, who are now very quiet, are expected to create confusion in Shanghai.)

2. TANG En-po has 20,000 Nationalist troops in Shanghai now, and 40,000 additional troops are expected from Chekiang. Minor defenses are being constructed in the Shanghai area.

3. The Nationalists are expected to hold Pukow for two weeks and hold the Yangtze River line for two months.

4. The Communist occupation of Shanghai will be deferred until about 1 April 1949 because:

- They have not decided how to handle the city after its surrender. They are not prepared to assume responsibility for a city that size.
- Their losses at Hsuehchou were heavy, and they are awaiting reinforcements.
- The Yangtze River will be in flood for the next ten weeks, making its defense easier.

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